

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

A. T. HEIST'S SECOND LETTER CONTAINING SUGGESTIONS.

The Ablest Statesmen Should Be Elected Irrespective of Where They Reside—Chambers in Representative—Equal Representation and No Jerry-mandering.

As our constitution must of necessity provide for a representative government, I will discuss the somewhat false and correct principles of representation.

One of the most popular fallacies is that patriotism and principle are rooted in the soil like sage brush, and that no man can properly represent his county in a legislative body unless his ancestors were resident heretofore. To my mind nothing is more absurd than the idea of a man representing a county in a legislative body unless he is a resident of that county.

Local demagogues by appealing to a foolish local pride will usually succeed in defeating the more able non-resident candidate, yet the constitution should be so framed as to allow the residents of a district to elect the representative of that district in the state who will accept it.

FOREIGNERS VS. AMERICANS. And here let me suggest another popular fallacy, though I can prescribe no constitutional remedy. At every election the Americans, the Irish-Americans, the Scandinavians and the labor unions are demanding the election of candidates who represent their respective claims to representation.

One would imagine from the character of their languages that a man who hadn't yet learned the English language had some interest in the affairs of state not possessed by any average American, by reason of which only a foreigner could be truly representative. Nothing could be farther from the act. As well might the illiterate voters demand a candidate who cannot read or write. The political opinions of laboring men could usually be as well represented and better defended by a business man or a lawyer than by a hod carrier. When laboring men learn this truth they will cease to be the dupes of professional agitators and demagogues, who too often want offices only that they may sell out their short-sighted supporters. Let us then mind that it is the political opinions of the inhabitants that are to be represented, not their foreign ancestors; not their physical infirmities any more than mere barren geographical districts.

MISCONCEPTION OF DEMOCRACY.

This brings me to the next—misconception of Democracy. A true Democracy is a government of the whole people equally represented. The ordinary conception of Democracy is that it means a government of the whole people by a mere majority of them exclusively represented. The former means the equality of all equally represented; the other means the privilege of government bestowed on a numerical majority who have alone control.

It does not follow that because minorities must yield to majorities that therefore minorities have no right to equal representation in proportion to their numbers. In the Utah legislature of 1892 there was not a single Republican, and yet about one-third of the voters were Republicans who might have been disfranchised so far as their power to influence legislation is concerned. Though this system of disfranchising minorities and our party caucus systems was, in fact, give absolute control of legislation to a majority of the majority, who probably, in fact, represent only a minority of the whole. And this is what we blindly worship as Democracy.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION.

Let us then frame a constitution in

which each individual will be equally represented, with every other, whether he belongs to the minority or the majority. One way of approximating this result would be by a provision like the following, which I quote from the constitution of Illinois:

"The House of Representatives shall consist of three times the number of the members of the Senate, and the term of office shall be two years. Three representatives shall be elected in each senatorial district at the general election in the year A. D. 1872, and every two years thereafter. In all elections of representatives aforesaid each qualified voter may cast as many votes for one candidate as there are representatives to be elected, or may distribute the same, or equal parts thereof, among the candidates, as he shall see fit; and the candidate highest in votes shall be declared elected."

This is a recognition of the principle and does enable a minority equal to one-third the entire vote of the district to select one of the three representatives. It is defective in this, however, that it still leaves local minorities made up from different districts unrepresented if they did not constitute one-third of some particular district. By the Democratic plan of the voters, every number of voters equal to the average number entitled to a representative, no matter from how many different districts, might combine and be represented.

Every voter, if he did not like the local candidate, could by his vote aid in the election of any other. I will endeavor at an early date to get the details of a bill introduced in the English parliament by Thomas Hare, providing for just such election, and then hope to write another letter upon this subject.

HONEST DISTRICTING.

Should the constitutional convention decide to make the legislature elective from districts, then a provision to guarantee honest districting should be incorporated in the constitution. It should never be possible to accomplish what was accomplished in Utah at the last election, that the minority of the voters can by an infamous gerrymander elect a majority of the legislature. In that we may prevent the destruction of equal rights the constitution should contain the following anti-gerrymander clause:

"When a senatorial congressional assembly district shall be composed of two or more counties it shall not be separated by any county belonging to another district. No county shall be divided in forming a congressional, senatorial or assembly district so as to attach a portion of a county to another county. But the legislature may divide each county into as many congressional, senatorial or assembly districts as such county may by apportionment be entitled to. To which might well be added the following restriction, which has done effective work in preventing injustice in Wisconsin:

"Each district must be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines, and consist of contiguous territory, and be in as compact form as possible."

This last clause enabled the supreme court of Wisconsin to declare unconstitutional several recent Democratic attempts at unjust districting.

No people are capable of maintaining freedom through representative government who are not willing that justice shall be done to all.

See to it then that a government is established in which all the people equally represented shall make laws for all.

Yours,

A. T. HEIST.

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GARFIELD BEACH TRAINS.

Commencing July 10 Garfield beach trains will run as follows:

Leave Arrive Leave Arrive
Salt Lake Garfield Salt Lake
7:45 a.m. 8:35 a.m. 12:30 noon 1:40 p.m.
10:20 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:40 p.m. 4:40 p.m.
2:00 p.m. 2:40 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
3:30 p.m. 3:40 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 6:35 p.m.
5:30 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:10 p.m.
*5:30 p.m. *7:30 p.m. *10:30 p.m. *10:40 p.m.
*Daily except Sunday. *Daily except Monday.
*Orchestra in attendance every afternoon and evening. Boating, bathing and dancing. Fare for round trip 50 cents. City ticket office 201 Main street.
D. E. BURLEY.
Gen'l. Agt. Pass. Dep't.

Etc., Etc.

Joe and Ben Rich are brothers. The former is a Democrat while the latter is a Republican. Ben was the chairman of the late Republican state convention and Joe was temporary and permanent chairman of the Democratic state convention. They belong to a good old Mormon family from which in worth, intellect and respectability none in the state stand higher. These two brothers are both bright, but of course Joe is head and shoulders above Ben in weight of brains and natural and acquired abilities. In speaking of his distinguished brother while in Boise the other day Joe said:

"Ben is a tolerably good man but the best political liar that ever went unhung."—Boise Democrat.

When I scolded Nell for smoking Her naughty cigarette, And vowed they'd make her pearls of dust.

Almost as black as jet, She tossed her blonde and curly head And puffed a little cloud.

"Smoked pearls are good enough for me," She said; "I am not proud."

—New York Herald.

Patton was evidently a Democrat "for revenue only."

And now some veranda editor, endeavoring to work up an anti-chewing-gum scare, because of an alleged case of appendicitis, in the east, caused by a piece of gum lodging in the vermiform appendix of a young lady. Of course, the young lady died; but it was not because of the gum lodging there. She died, as do nine out of ten of such victims, from the surgeon's knife. It is the business of the newspapers, I take it, to write of the "deadly knife of the surgeon," rather than of the "deadly chewing gum."

A little mint, with other things, He took; 'twas very rash. He murmured later: "Smash your trust."

But never trust a smash. —Washington Post.

The appeal is made to the Union Pacific officers in behalf of the men who went out on strike at the request of Debs and others of the railway union, are right and proper, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Dickinson and others will see their way clear to forgive and forget. Take Salt Lake for a sample. There are hundreds of good citizens to-day walking the streets who of right should be back in their old places. Few if any of them had any desire to strike; their only offense was that they were weak and could not withstand the pressure brought to bear against them.

They committed no overt act; they were peaceful and law abiding; they are residents of Salt Lake in the true sense; they should be given at least another chance to live in the city they have helped to make. No one deplors and condemned the insane folly of Debs more than I; no one has a greater contempt for the man who brought on these men all their troubles; no one would be more pleased to see every man who did not use violence during the strike return to the position he held before Debs got in his deadly work.

And in this connection it is proper to call attention to the hold-up tactics of the Southern Pacific railroad. Not satisfied with denying work on their road to the men who participated in the late strike—which I admit they have a perfect right to do—the officials are bounding their late employees at every turn. No matter what the position of them may seem, so great is the influence of the Octopus in California, when the word goes out from headquarters, that man is at once discharged. This is all wrong; it is more than that—it is devilish. It is equivalent to using dynamite, to burning cars; to wrecking trains.

No one need be at all surprised if it brings upon the Southern Pacific great

er trouble than it has yet experienced.

There's lots in this here country to thank God for—you bet! For when the weather ain't red hot it's mighty cold and wet. An' 'tain't no use to bother if it's spring or if it's fall. No matter how the old world rolls, she sets there after all!

There's lots in this here country to thank God for—that's right! For when the sun goes down the west the stars come up the night. An' 'tain't no use to bother if it's calm or if it's squall; No matter how the old world rolls, she sets there after all!

—Ex.

There is a story going the rounds in connection with the antics on Republican day at Saltair. The speeches were nearly over; the audience had been bored so long by fairy stories of what the Republicans had done to advance the cause of statehood, that one by one they silently stole away.

But the star speaker had not yet appeared on the scene. The picturesque form of "Colonel" Trombone was not in the foreground; neither was it in the middle distance; it did not even show up as a "mere speck upon the horizon."

The leaders were growing impatient; the crowd was fast thinning away and Colonel Trombone had not been given a chance to tell the story of "how I passed the enabling act."

Suddenly he appeared. "Hurry up, colonel," said an excited Republican, "hurry up and tell the people here all you did to help the statehood bill."

"But the people are going away," protested the colonel. "They will all be gone in five minutes."

"Never mind, never mind, you can tell it all in this time."

And the colonel and his friend wondered why some people nearby laughed in fiendish glee.

The man who can keep track of the different wars of China and Japan and their different movements and locations will be in great demand before long.—Omaha Bee.

Madeline Pollard is about to star. She will if reports in the eastern press are to be believed, make her initial bow on the mimic stage, to an audience of thousands, in a special performance of her new play, "The Level of Jim Corbett," John L. Sullivan, Peter Jackson and Steve Brodie et al. It must be admitted that she has shown fine business tact in selecting Chicago as her starting point.

According to a traveler who lately visited Panama, it is evident that few attorneys could flourish there, and that the law is not respected, and is, in fact, impotent. What a showing! A state law that has no binding force or effect in two-thirds of the state is worse than a farce.

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